

RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - 127

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, COMMENDING NASSAU
COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY
SERVICE DURING A SEVERE WEATHER EVENT**

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2016, minutes before 2:00 p.m., an EF-1 tornado with estimated 100 mile an hour winds hit Yulee. The tornado traveled over 4 miles, was over 600 feet wide and was on the ground for nearly 17 minutes; and

WHEREAS, the storm flipped over trailers, blew a semi-truck onto an occupied vehicle on SR200, which is a major thoroughfare, knocked down power lines, and knocked hundreds of trees over onto homes and across roads; and

WHEREAS, the storm damaged approximately 40 homes, several businesses, caused widespread debris and flooding, and blocked many roadways; and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Sheriff's Office activated the Emergency Operations Center and set up a command location to assist in traffic control, securing citizen safety, delivering supplies, removing trees from roadways and coordinated with local business regarding volunteer efforts and donations; and

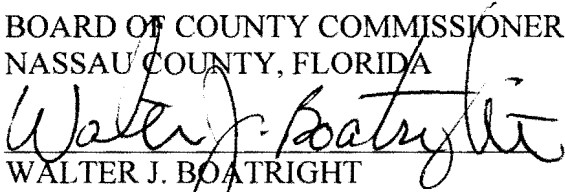
WHEREAS, the Nassau County Fire Rescue Department, Reserve Station 3 in Yulee, and Reserve Station 11 in Nassau Oaks, responded to multiple scenes involving live wires down, citizens trapped in their vehicles and trees down on top of homes, along with managing day to day emergency calls; and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Road and Bridge Department, County Manager's Office, Engineering Department and Code Enforcement employees immediately began to coordinate a response to ensure the health, safety and welfare of

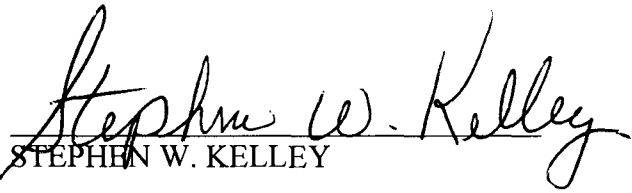
the community, check for any structural damage, remove debris from roadways, and continually cleaning up afterwards.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this 21st day of September, 2016, that the August 4, 2016 tornado posed a serious threat to the lives and property of residents of Nassau County and the following individuals and groups are hereby commended for their outstanding community service:

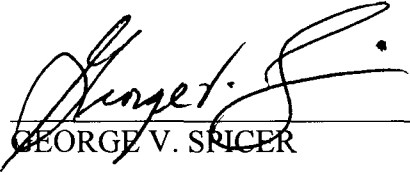
- * Chief Graves
- * Chief Hemmingway
- * Lt. James Casteel
- * Lt. Matt Collins
- * Lt. Darron Ayscue
- * Engineer Grant Jones
- * Engineer Brett Louis
- *Engineer Brandon McClellan
- * Engineer Dale Green
- * Firefighter Kyle Foley
- * Firefighter Ryan Ward
- * Firefighter Michael Powell
- * Reserve Station 3 in Yulee
- * Reserve Station 11 in Nassau Oaks
- * The inspectors with the Nassau County Building Department
- * Nassau County Sheriff's Office
- * Code Enforcement Officer Mike Favors
- * The entire Nassau County Road and Bridge Department
- * The County Managers Office
- * Nassau County Engineering Department
- * Nassau County Fire Rescue Department

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 NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

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 Its: Chairman

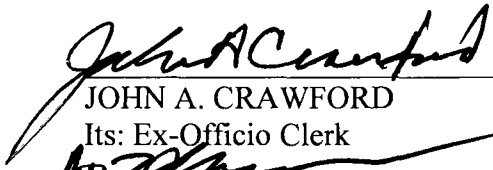
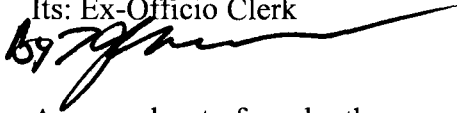

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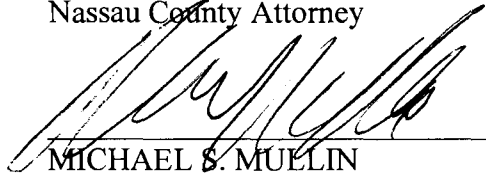

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Attest as to Chairman's signature:


JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk


Approved as to form by the
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